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Dear

Towards the end of February, Mr. D. I. Edwards, who is Head of the BBC's External Services News Department, is making a tour of the Middle East and will be in Cyprus for a few days visiting the Cyprus Broadcasting Service and having discussions with the Cyprus Government in Nicosia. He has asked me whether he might visit your Bureau there during his stay.

Donald Edwards, who is well-known to me, is a senior member of the BBC staff, and is responsible for the whole of the news output of our External Services, and as such is, of course, a major user of the Middle East material which we receive from Kyrenia, and I think that it would be most helpful to him to see how this material is gathered and to appreciate some of the problems involved - it would I think also be indirectly of service to us that he should understand this at first hand. He would not, of course, expect to spend more than a few hours at the station and will certainly not wish to take up the time of your staff to any great extent. I hope this request does not embarrass you in anyway, and please feel quite free to say "no" if you would rather the visit did not take place, although for my part I hope you will agree, as I think it would be in the interests not only of the BBC as a whole but also of ourselves, in view of our very close working relations with Edwards and his department.

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If you see no objection to this visit, I will make a point of introducing Edwards to [] who, I think, is due to visit us early in January for the purpose of a Coverage Coordination meeting.

With all good wishes for 1958 from all of us here to you and all our friends in FBIS,

Yours sincerely,



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Head of Monitoring Service

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